

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A surgical retractor having at least one arm operably connected to a rack, the surgical retractor comprising:

a clamp having an opening for receiving a portion of the arm, the opening defined by an upper surface and a lower surface, the opening having an axis that extends between the upper surface and the lower surface of the opening, and the axis further extending from a first open end of the opening to a second open end of the opening;

and a latch connected to the clamp for selectively retaining the clamp at a selected position on the arm;

an angularly adjustable leg pivotally coupled to the clamp about a pivot axis that is parallel to the axis of the opening, wherein the leg pivots relative to the upper surface of the opening and the lower surface of the opening, the leg having a retractor blade connector head mount for receiving a connector head of a retractor blade; and

an operator connected to the leg to adjust the angular position of the leg with respect to the clamp, the operator comprising a threaded shaft operably coupled to the clamp and the leg, wherein the threaded shaft is adapted for rotation to allow incremental movement of the leg relative to the clamp.

18. (Currently Amended) The surgical retractor of claim 17, wherein the opening comprises a slot defined by ~~an~~ the upper surface and ~~a~~ the lower surface.

19. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 17, wherein the latch is pivotally connected to the clamp adjacent one of the upper and lower surfaces.

20. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 19, further comprising a spring biasing the latch to engage the arm into the opening.

21. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 19, further comprising a release button, the release button disengaging the latch to release the arm from the opening.

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22. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 17, wherein the leg extends cantileveredly away from the clamp.
23. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 17, wherein the leg has a first projection and a second projection forming a U-shape.
24. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 17, wherein the operator moves the leg relative to the clamp.
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 17, further comprising a quick release button to disengage the operator from the leg to rapidly change the angle of the leg relative to the clamp.
28. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 17, wherein the latch engages a tooth on the arm.
29. (Canceled)
30. (Currently Amended) A surgical retractor having a clamp operably connected to at least one arm of the surgical retractor, the clamp comprising:
 - a member having a slot defined by an upper surface and a lower surface, the slot being substantially parallel to the a mount for receiving a portion of the arm, the member having a latch for selectively retaining the clamp at a selected position;
 - a release button adapted to disengage the latch to release the arm from the slot;
 - a leg pivotally connected to the member and extending cantilevered away from the slot at a proximate end of the member, the leg having a retractor blade connector head mount for receiving a connector head of a retractor blade, the leg having a first projection and a second projection; and,
 - an operator for adjusting the angular position of the leg, the operator having a threaded shaft, the threaded shaft having a nut thereon, the nut located between the first and second projection, the nut moveable along an axis of the shaft upon rotation of the shaft, the axial movement of the nut against at least one projection rotates the leg about a pivot.
31. (Previously Presented) The surgical retractor of claim 30, further comprising a quick release button operably connected to the operator, the quick release button adapted to rapidly

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change the angle of the mount relative to the slot by disengaging the operator from the threaded shaft.